

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 833 - SB 1465

February 20, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all state compensation and death benefits for full-time firefighters, aside from worker's compensation, to be administered by the Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education (Commission). State benefits are currently administered by the Division of Fire Prevention (Division). Decreases the state benefit from \$25,000 to \$12,500.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$25,000

Assumptions:

- This legislation moves funds allocated for death benefits from the Division to the Commission. Both are attached to the Department of Commerce and Insurance. Reallocating the funds will not have a fiscal impact on state or local government.
- According to the Department, lowering the benefit will decrease state expenditures approximately \$25,000. Approximately two firefighters are killed in the line of duty each year. The Department currently issues two benefits at \$25,000 each per year. As a result of this legislation they will issue two benefits at \$12,500 each per year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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